

HARDY CLIMBERS.

ting a backyard and stable from the street, with an opening to give approach to the stable. Here again a galvanised wire fence will afford a good support, or better still, the wire netting so much used for fencing. For such uses as the above, and for climbing over back porches, or over barns or coach-houses, the Virginia Creeper is one of the most satisfactory of climbers, and will succeed with very little care.

For the house and especially for covering bare walls of brick or stone, the

AMPELOPSIS VEITCHII,

or Japan Ivy is the greatest favorite, throughout Southern Ontario, as far north at least as the City of Toronto, passing which it is scarcely hardy enough.

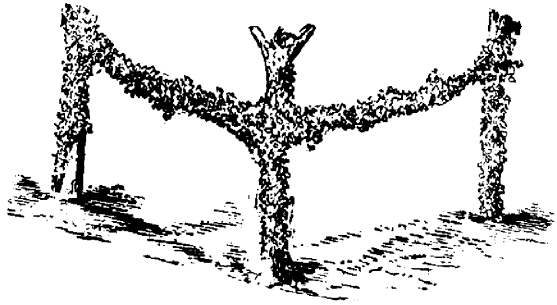


FIG. 1466.—FESTOONS OF VIRGINIA CREEPER.

pletely cover a wall with its beautiful foliage, which grows so closely that neither vine no wall can be seen for leaves; and in autumn this takes on the richest tints imaginable. Of late there has been a great craze for this creeper in Hamilton and Toronto, so that one need not go far to see excellent specimens of this vine.

Another class of climbers, which is becoming exceedingly popular in Can-

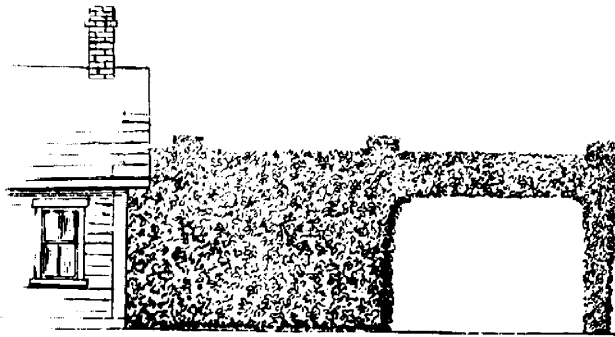


FIG. 1467.—VIRGINIA CREEPER AS A SCREEN.

This creeper has smaller leaves, and more ivy-like habit than the Virginia creeper. Once thoroughly established it makes rapid growth, and it has a remarkable habit of throwing out little tendrils furnished with tiny suckers, which cling so tightly to brick or stone that they must be torn forcibly loose and broken, to be removed. In time this vine will com-

ada, is the clematis family. We have our native, viz :

CLEMATIS VIRGINIA,

samples of this climber were sent to the editor of this journal in 1893, by Mr. J. P. Cockburn; they were planted near the porch, and have grown wonderfully,